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## HRM King Willem-Alexander and HRM Queen Maxima arrive on Aruba today



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ORANJESTAD -- Weeks of preparation will provide a royal welcome for HRM Willem-Alexander, and his wife, HRM Queen Maxima, on their last stop of their first royal visit of the Caribbean since ascending the throne in April. It began with a visit to St. Maarten on November 12, and organizers of activities during their two-day visit here, are determined to see their tour finish with a flourish.

The committee, headed by the Director of the Cabinet of the Governor, Martijn Boelen and the Secretary of the Cabinet of Ministers, Nicole Hoeverst, welcomed media for a final recap of events to take place over Wednesday and Thursday November 20th and 21st. There will be ample opportunity for islanders to view their new monarch and show their devotion to the throne. The Hyatt Regency Resort will be the host hotel

and the public and media is asked to respect their privacy when they are not attending official events. Aside from local media, a battalion of international press will be arriving to record the monarchs' visit.

The official welcome to the island will take place on L.G. Smith Boulevard, in front of the Parliament and Government Building at 10:00 AM tomorrow morning. HRM King Willem-Alexander and HRM Queen Maxima will be greeted by an honor guard of the Royal Dutch Marines as well as Governor Refunjol and Prime Minister Eman of Aruba. The public is encouraged to attend and there is no fee. L.G. Smith Boulevard will be closed off. Following the official greeting in the presence of local and visiting dignitaries, the royals will then meet with members of parliament and the Cabinet of Min-

isters.

An afternoon program titled "Show the King" will showcase the artistic and intellectual prowess of Aruba's youth. Over the past month, a contest was conducted of photographs taken on smartphones, demonstrating "What is your vision of Aruba in twenty years?" Participants were asked to include an explanation of their image in no more than 250 words. Six photographs have been selected for exhibition, and the photographer of the image selected as the best will have an opportunity to discuss their photograph with HRM King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima. The contest was open to islanders from the ages of 14 through 24.

The exposition of the photos will be at the Santa Theresita Center in San Nicolas. The principal part of the program is a debate between students of the University of Aruba and the Youth Parliament, which consists of secondary school students on the same topic. They will present their arguments in teams of four each. They will also rebut the assertions of their opponents and be prepared to answer questions. The debate will be conducted in Dutch and English. The public is welcome to attend.

The first official day of the royal visit will end with a grand event, "Royal Night at Bushiribana," beginning at 7:00 PM. It will include a concert featuring folkloric, carnival and popular music and dance, with local and international artists. The area around the Bushiribana "gold ruins" has been prepared to accommodate 7000 spectators. Entrance is free and all are welcome. Bussing will be provided from three parking lots created for the event in Santa Cruz, Paradera and Piedra Plat, each about 5km from the site. The lots will open at 5:00 P.M., and spectators will be allowed into the staging area at Bushiribana at 6:00 PM.

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## Violent tornadoes kill 8 in US Midwest, dozens injured



Pat Whitaker, 82, sits under a blanket in her nightgown outside her home waiting for help

CHICAGO (AFP) - Residents sifted through piles of rubble Monday as they recovered from violent tornadoes that ripped through four midwestern US states, killing at least eight people and injuring dozens.

An unusually powerful fall storm spawned reports of 81 twisters in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio on Sunday along with powerful winds and heavy rain which soaked a dozen states.

Homes were smashed into rubble, cars and trucks were tossed into the air, trees were ripped out of the ground and downed power lines left hundreds of thousands of people in the dark.

In the hard-hit town of Washington, Illinois Michelle

Cumrine came back from a trip to find that her house was completely gone.

"A lot of people have a pile of rubble still," Cumrine said in disbelief as she stared at the destruction. "I don't have anything. It's gone. I don't know where it went."

Illinois Governor Pat Quinn declared a state of emergency in seven counties where hundreds of homes and business were destroyed and six of the storm's fatalities were reported.

"As we pray for the families of those who have lost their lives and others who are injured, the state of Illinois will do everything necessary to help these communities recover," Quinn said in a statement.

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## While on Aruba, be sure to indulge in this seasonal treat



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ORANJESTAD -- A special seasonal treat only available for a few short weeks a year, can be found island super-

market freezer sections right now. Vacationers, particularly those in timeshares or apartments with simple cooking

facilities, should not miss the opportunity to sample this authentic bit of regional cuisine, ayacas.

Made only at the end of the year, they are a staple of the holiday table. The template for the traditional ayaca is standard, but each cook brings their own flavor and flair to the final, savory packet of holiday goodness. A few years ago, a local paper even hosted a "Best Ayaca" contest, where the individual talent of each chef in enhancing the required basics could be truly appreciated by ayaca aficionados.

Stewed Chicken (sometimes with raisins, sometimes without), a prune, a pickled onion, a chunk of ham, a cashew and a olive, are encased in funchi, the thick cornmeal dough known to the world as polenta. The quantity of each ingredient can vary according to the preferences of the chef, but this mélange of salty and sweet, mild and pungent produces this very unique and satisfying seasonal treat.

The combination is then wrapped in banana leaves and kept frozen until ready for eating. Simply boil for about 15-20 minutes, unwrap and enjoy!

THE MORNING NEWS enjoyed their holiday treat purchased from Save-a-Lot supermarket in Bubali, which had a goodly supply...but they will go fast! The cost of each is \$4, and they come "Pica" or "Sin Pica"-which means "Spicy" or "Mild."

For a quick lunch or party treat, ayacas can't be beat. When visiting local markets, pick up a few for a true taste of Aruba's holiday traditions.

By Rosalie Klein

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month: RBC Royal Bank gives donation to Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds / Mary Joan Foundation



ORANJESTAD -- During the month of October, RBC Royal Bank participated in awareness efforts through the RBC Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund. For the 3rd consecutive year the bank conducted the 'Move pa Bida' -- Move for Life, event, to raise funds for the Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds (KWF), a foundation that helps with the expenses and necessities of cancer patients in Aruba.

The event was a huge success. Organizers collected a generous amount and RBC gave an extra donation for a total of Afls. 10,000 donated to the KWF.

Area Vice President, Business Banking, Pierre Rafini, together with Communications Officer DC & Suriname, Joanna Maya, along with Assistant Marketing Manager Rose-Ann Ruiz, delivered the donation to KWF Director Lilian Prince Mrs. Prince in turn thanked RBC for this beautiful gesture.

RBC Royal Bank employees also started an initiative during October to raise bank clients' awareness regarding breast cancer. They decorated all the branches in pink, and on October 31, all came to work wearing something pink. Bank customers were treated customers to healthy snacks on the final day of the campaign.

More than 200 employees contributed to the Mary Joan Foundation, a support and educational non-profit organization for breast cancer patients and their families. They purchased Tee shirts for the Pink Walk and pins. This resulted in an additional Afls. 1,500 supplemented by out of pocket donations by employees, for the Mary Joan Foundation, for which foundation volunteers expressed their heartfelt gratitude.

Photos show RBC Royal Bank employees and executives handing the check over to the Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds and Mary Joan Foundation.



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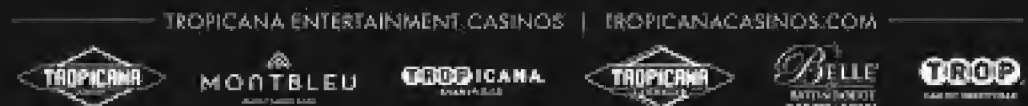
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## Instituto Pedagogico Aruba opens its doors to aspiring teachers



ORANJESTAD -- Aruba's teacher training academy, IPA, located in San Nicolas, conducted its annual open house on Saturday, November 17. Staffers welcomed those who are considering careers as teachers, with stimulating exhibits and mini-lessons regarding the various departments, and specialties in which they can major as teaching candidates. From kindergarten teachers to languages and communication, environment and technology, history and social studies, mathematics, sciences, IT and the arts, those teaching Aruba's teachers offered their knowledge and advice for the many visitors to the school on Saturday.

Aruba's Minister of Education, Family Policy and Adult Education, Michelle Hoeyboer-Winklaar, came to take a tour of the facility in her new capacity of administering education.

Along with the school's academic curriculum, the day was also dedicated to the social responsibilities of teachers. Various island foundations confronting issues of drug and child abuse, family problems and aid for disturbed youth were present in the school courtyard to provide information regarding their sphere of assistance, as well as those dedicated to learning disabilities and how to recognize them. These are also considered vital aspects of being a teacher.

Organizers of the event expressed their extreme satisfaction with the community response. They welcomed all ages. Young people looking at careers in academia, along with their parents, and many who came simply to understand the workings of the school and show their support.

By Rosalie Klein

## HRM King Willem-Alexander and HRM Queen Maxima...

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ORANJESTAD -- The show is approximate 70 minutes and will feature over 20 entertainers. There will also be a parking area adjacent to the concert venue, and another about a mile away.

On Thursday, at 10:00 AM, a "Royal Jump Up" will be conducted at the Guillermo Trinidad Stadium, with the participation of every elementary school student on Aruba. The theme is "Exercise and Health." Special tee shirt uniforms featuring the royal colors will be distributed to all the school-children and a diversity of sport disciplines and activities highlighted. It is expected that nearly 10,000 children will participate. The entire area around the stadium will be closed off to traffic.

The king and queen will then attend "Conversations for Lunch," with a select group of fifteen islanders. The luncheon guests will be chosen among those with their fingers on the pulse of various aspects of island life. Commerce, education, charity work, tourism, history, social issues are only some of the topics they will discuss, and how HRM Willem-Alexander can impact these aspects of island life in the coming years. Organizers of this event have not yet revealed who the participants will be, but assert they are looking towards "not the usual suspects." The guests will be those who work diligently and are informed, often willingly maintaining some anonymity.

At 1:45 PM there will be

an announcement regarding the Oranjefonds, a foundation of which the king and queen are the patrons. The current project is "Opportunities for Young People of the Caribbean."

Nicole Hoevertz pointed out that it is a great honor that Aruba has been the island selected where the official unveiling will take place. Ms. Hoevertz revealed during the final briefing that Aruba will be the beneficiary of funding for three projects.

In the evening, island dignitaries and invited guests will attend Governor Refunjol's gala reception for HRM King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima. This will end the official royal visit.

Their majesties will linger in the region, as following

their time in the Dutch Caribbean, two historic visits, one to the President of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, and the other to President Juan Manuel Santos Calderón of Colombia will take place for the first time. Aruba will be their base for these day trips, returning to rest on the island in between. Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman has been invited to accompany them.

A website dedicated to the upcoming royal visit, [www.bishitareal2013.aw](http://www.bishitareal2013.aw) has a complete schedule of events and updates and is where all the photos submitted for the "Show the King" contest can be seen, as well as the Facebook Bishita Real 2013 Facebook Page.

By Rosalie Klein

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## With November's Caribbean Queen, Rosalie Klein Artist Demonstration on Thursday, November 21st at Caribbean Queen



The artist at work

PALM BEACH – On Thursday, November 21st, 2013, local artist Rosalie Klein will be holding a demonstration in the Caribbean Queen store at Palm Beach Plaza Mall, showing off how she makes her beautiful hand-painted silk art. Rosalie was chosen as the store's Caribbean Queen for the month of November 2013.

Born in the USA, Rosalie Klein has been living in Aruba since 1980. She was an art major at the University

of Ohio and studied photography at NYU. Her life on Aruba has entailed a number of careers including SCUBA Instructor, businesswoman and marketing manager and presently, journalist and photographer for THE MORNING NEWS.

Always favoring "crafty" art mediums, Rosalie discovered silk painting in 2005, and has been ardently devoted to the craft since. "The first time I put the brush to silk and watched the colors flow, I was



hooked," she recalls.

"Silk painting is very challenging; the process requires precise planning, but one also must be spontaneous and adaptable. I find the surprised response by those who see the finished work for the first time is very gratifying...as it usually is not at all what they imagined."

Rosalie first began showing her work in 2006 during the "Flora" group exhibition at the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino. Her largest collection to date part of a three-artist exposition at the RBTT Bank in Oranjestad titled "Sisters Under the Skin," along with noted artists Gerda van Leeuwen and Gwendy Sneek in 2007.

Her silk painting has been well received during expos at the Toyota and Westin Art Galleries and including in the Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival and the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival.

This is her first major show of silk painting since participating in the 25th Anniversary of Status Aparte at the Westin Gallery in 2011. You are invited to visit the store any day. Rosalie will be hosting an artist demonstration at Caribbean Queen, Palm Beach Plaza Mall, in the evening hours of Thursday, November 21st. Her creations are available at the store for the entire month of November.

## Royal Visit Committee 2013 warns of traffic restrictions around Guillermo Prospero Trinidad Stadium.



ORANJESTAD- Aruba is eagerly awaiting the visit of HRM King Willem-Alexander and HRM Queen Maxima. In honor of the Royal couple, an extensive program with different activities as been arranged. A principal event will be conducted on Thursday, November 21 in the morning hours.

More than 4000 elementary school students will gather at the Guillermo Prospero Trinidad Stadium in Dakota to participate in the "Royal Jump-up." To ensure the security of the students and the entire event, authorities have deemed it necessary

to close off the area around the stadium, which is the triangular corner encompassing the Stadionweg - Vondellaan - Avenida Milio Croes.

All motorists are advised to take notice the area will be impassible on Thursday, November 21, prior to the event, which begins at 10:00 AM, and for a time after.

The Comité Bishita Real 2013 has already sent an official letter to all citizens living in said area explaining what to expect during the event.

Photo above is of a map showing the area that will be closed off.

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## Department of Public Health advises: Music noise or sound during Carnival? Be aware! (Part 2)



ORANJESTAD -- A multi-disciplinary group working under management of the Aruba Public Health Department, continues with its bulletins regarding hearing care. In 2009, during the San Nicolas and Oranjestad Grand Carnival Parades, the decibel levels and negative impact was inventoried. The result is that all musical bands were producing a sound level of 100 dB(A) or more.

Scientifically, it is determined that if someone is exposed to a sound level of 80 decibels (80 dB(A)) for a period of 8 hours or greater, it is highly likely it is hazardous for the ears, and will cause some damage. Depending on the length of the parade, the music and din during Carnival parades must be reduced to a responsible level.

Another important factor is that after being exposed to a loud noise, the hearing needs a considerable time to recuperate. To achieve this, individuals must be in an environment where they are not exposed to hard noise for at least 8 hours.

What does this mean for us in connection with Carnival?

Because the sound level measured in 2009 was 100 dB(A) or more, it means that an individual may only be exposed to that noise for approximately 1 minute and perhaps a few seconds. This to avoid damage to the inner ear, and nerves and tissues located there.

Once an individual is exposed to loud noise, the hearing will be damaged slowly but surely. To achieve a re-

sponsible level of sound, a technical action must be introduced. This means reducing the time an individual is exposed to the noise of musical bands and the use of ear protection, i.e. 'earplugs' or orthoplastic device, (ear mold, hearing aid, earplug and many other products made depending on the anatomy of the patient's ear). This will drastically reduce damaging aspect of loud sounds.

In order to get a permit from the government for any musical event, including Carnival, it is required to have a sound level of no more than 95 dB(A). Louder than that is not allowed.

A sound level of 95 dB(A) gives a good audio quality for the consumer, but again, still damaging over a long time. This means that an individual watching a Carnival parade must use a hearing protection device. By using earplugs accordingly, the noise will be reduced by an additional 15 dB(A) or more.

Once exposed to damaging noise, recovery can be considerable if they ears are allowed to rest in a quiet environment for at least 8 hours.

We must protect our ears, not only while in the midst of

the Carnival parades, but also beforehand, when, quite often, loud music is being played along the route. All those attending Carnival events, spectators, groups and musicians, must use some kind of ear protection. Be aware of the consequences of loud noise and what it will do to your hearing in the long term/

For more information on

hearing protection items and hearing tests, readers may contact Quota Club at tel. 594-2005, or FEPO at tel. 583-1016.

For loudness measurements and other loudness information contact the DTI, tel. 584-5300; Noise Nuisance Foundation, tel. 582-3676 or the Department of Public Health, tel. 522-4200

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## Violent tornadoes kill 8... Cont. from pg 1



Indiana Governor Mike Pence said he was thankful that despite the massive property damage and significant number of injuries "there has been no loss of life in the Hoosier state."

"We will help these families pick up the pieces and move on with their lives," he told reporters after touring some of the damage.

President Barack Obama was briefed about the storms and will receive regular updates, the White House said.

The fast moving storm weakened overnight but still caused damage as it marched east through New York and Philadelphia, the National Weather Service said.

The service predicted

stormy conditions for much of the northeastern United States on Monday, including hail and isolated tornados, but said it would likely be over by the afternoon.

At least two victims were killed in the small town of New Minden, Illinois, Washington County Coroner Mark Styninger told AFP.

Some 55 people were treated at St. Francis hospital in Peoria, the biggest town in largely rural central Illinois. Of those, 16 were so badly injured they needed to be admitted, the hospital said.

The town of Washington, Illinois was among the hardest-hit with entire blocks of homes flattened.

## Mandela still 'stable but critical', responds to treatment

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Nelson Mandela remains in a "stable but critical" condition, but "continues to respond to treatment", the South African government said in its first update on his health since September.

"The health of the former President remains much the same," according to a statement issued after President Jacob Zuma visited the anti-apartheid icon at his home Monday.

The 95-year-old was discharged on September 1 to receive intensive care at home, after nearly three

months in hospital for a lung infection.

The government has refused to give details about his condition, citing the need for privacy, but said "he continues to recover".

Mandela's former wife Winnie this week told a local newspaper that he remains "quite ill" and is unable to speak because of tubes being used to clear his lungs of liquid.

He is using facial expressions to communicate, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela added.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner is under the care of 22 doctors, and while his pneu-

## Rights groups urge Qatar World Cup boycott over labour abuse

NEW DELHI (AFP) - South Asian rights groups called Monday for a boycott of Qatar's 2022 football World Cup unless the Gulf state improves conditions for migrant construction workers that Amnesty International has slammed as deplorable.

Migrant workers, mostly from South or Southeast Asia, suffer "alarming" levels of exploitation, including non-payment of wages and hazardous working conditions as they toil to ready World Cup infrastructure, a new Amnesty report said.

Suhas Chakma, director of New Delhi-based Asian Centre for Human Rights, echoed Amnesty's conclusions in its own report Monday, saying treatment of workers in the world's wealthiest nation per capita was "inhuman".

There has been an explosion in poverty-stricken migrants heading to Qatar where a construction boom is underway to ready the tiny gas-rich nation for the World Cup.

The preparations provide "an opportunity to expose the treatment of migrant workers by a rich nation", Chakma said, adding countries which support human rights "should boycott the event".

FIFA has faced huge criticism from rights groups since selecting Qatar to host the 2022 World Cup.

Qatar, which rejects claims of slavery-style conditions on its building sites, promised to include the Amnesty report in an inquiry it has already launched while FIFA said human rights must be respected.

monia has cleared, his lungs remain sensitive, she said, adding that it was "difficult for him".

"He remains very sensitive to any germs, so he has to be kept literally sterile. The bedroom there (in Houghton) is like an ICU ward," she told the Sunday Times.

"He remains quite ill, but thank God the doctors were able to pull him through from that (last) infection."

Mandela, who spent 27 years in apartheid jails before becoming South Africa's first black leader, has faced several health scares.



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## US top court denies challenge to state's death penalty law

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Despite dissent from two justices, the US Supreme Court Monday refused to review a state law that allows a judge to impose the death penalty even if the jury rules otherwise.

The country's top court rejected the appeal of Mario Dion Woodward, who was sentenced to death by an Alabama judge after a jury decided, eight votes to four, that he should instead face life in jail without the possibility of parole.

However, progressive justices Sonia Sotomayor and Stephen Breyer said the court should have taken the case.

"Since Alabama adopted its current statute (in 1981), its judges have imposed death sentences on 95 defendants contrary to a jury's verdict," Sotomayor said.

The state is one of three

with similar laws, also including Delaware and Florida, but Alabama is the only one to implement it in the last decade.

"Forty-three of these defendants remain on death row today. Because I harbor deep concerns about whether this practice offends the Sixth and Eighth Amendments, I would grant Woodward's petition for certiorari, so that the Court could give this issue the close attention that it deserves," she said.

Woodward, an African American, was found guilty of murdering a police officer in 2006 by a jury that included five African Americans and which recommended life in prison because of extenuating circumstances. Woodward was abused as a child and is himself a father of five, according to documents presented to the court.

## Philippines' \$1bn loan pledges for post-typhoon rebuilding

MANILA (AFP) - The Philippines has received loan pledges totalling one billion dollars to help rebuild areas ravaged by Super Typhoon Haiyan, after the World Bank Monday matched an Asian Development Bank offer.

In a statement, the World Bank said \$500 million was "being finalised to support reconstruction" following the devastating storm that tore through the disaster-prone country's central islands.

"We are committed to supporting the government in its effort to recover and rebuild, and to help Filipinos strengthen their resilience against increasingly frequent extreme weather events," World Bank President Jim Yong Kim said.

The financial assistance was in response to a government request, the statement added, and came after the ADB last week said it stood ready to provide a \$500 million emergency loan.

"We are working in close collaboration with the government and all other international agencies to provide hope and rebuild the lives of more than 11 million people affected by what is being described as one of the Philippines' worst ever natural disasters," ADB President Takehiko Nakao said Wednesday.

The ADB made the pledge as it said \$23 million in grants was being provided for immediate relief assistance.

Thousands of people died when Haiyan -- packing some of the strongest winds ever recorded -- smashed into the Philippines on November 8, generating tsunami-like waves that flattened entire communities and left up to four million people displaced.

Early estimates by analysts of the economic cost of the typhoon to the Philippines have been put at around \$14 billion.



## Russia grants bail to first Greenpeace activist



SAINT PETERSBURG (AFP) - A Russian court on Monday extended the pre-trial detention of one of 30 Greenpeace activists arrested for a protest against Arctic oil drilling, but unexpectedly freed a Russian doctor on bail.

Yekaterina Zaspa, a doctor with Greenpeace's Arctic Sunrise icebreaker, became the first of the arrested crew members to be freed pending trial, after two months in detention.

She will be released on bail of two million rubles (\$61,400, 45,500 euros), Greenpeace said, citing the ruling of the Kalininsky court in Russia's second city of Saint Petersburg.

"She may be released on bail, but she is still charged with hooliganism, the charge of piracy has not been officially withdrawn, and therefore she still faces maybe 20 years in jail for a crime she didn't commit," Greenpeace's Mads Christensen said in a statement.

The 30 activists from 18 countries were first charged with piracy, which carries a maximum sentence of 15 years. The charges were later changed to hooliganism, which carries a punishment of up to seven years.

But, in another sign of hope for the detainees, a prosecutor said Monday he was not against another activist, Ana Paula Maciel from Brazil, also being freed, Greenpeace said.

Judges in Russia often side with the prosecution.

A decision on Maciel's fate will be announced today.

Earlier on Monday, another Saint Petersburg court extended the pre-trial detention of Australian activist Colin Russell until February 24, meaning he could remain in jail through the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, which end on February 23.

A request for bail or house arrest was denied.

Greenpeace International executive director Kumi Naidoo said: "This case is now a circus."

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## German 'bling bishop' settles legal case with payment

BERLIN (AFP) - Germany's embattled "bling bishop" Franz-Peter Tebartz-van Elst has settled a court case over lying under oath with a 20,000-euro (\$27,000) payment, the court said Monday.

The Roman Catholic bishop has also been under fire for extravagant spending on his official residence and was last month indefinitely relieved of his clerical duties by Pope Francis.

The legal headache he



faced centred on a tussle with Hamburg-based news weekly

Der Spiegel, which had reported that he flew first class to visit slum dwellers in India.

Tebartz-van Elst, 53, had later told a Spiegel journalist that "we flew business class" but then in sworn testimony denied having said those words.

However, the reporter had videotaped the bishop making the comment.

The Hamburg court said the state treasury had received the 20,000-euro payment and,

with the consent of prosecutors, closed the case.

Tebartz-van Elst had faced outrage over the ostentatious building project, which includes a museum, conference halls, a chapel and private apartments, in the ancient town of Limburg in central Hesse state.

The project was initially valued at 5.5 million euros, including a 783,000-euro garden and a 15,000-euro bathtub -- using the revenue from a religious tax in Germany.





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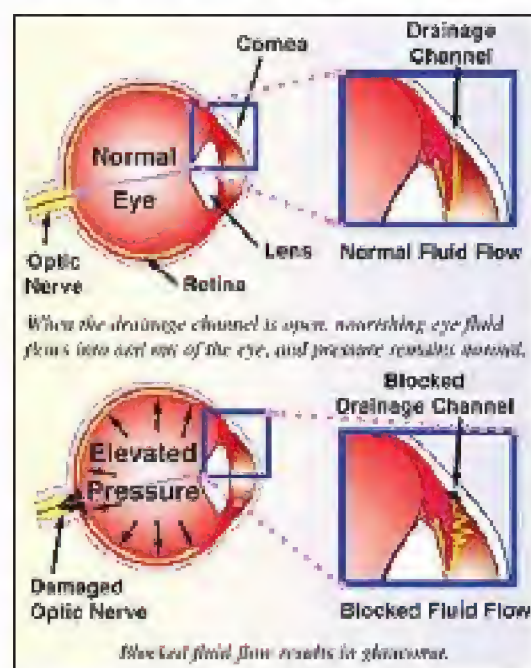
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## Long use of birth control pill could boost glaucoma risk



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Women who have taken birth control pills for three years or more face twice the risk of developing the eye disease glaucoma, a top cause of blindness, researchers said Monday.

The study was based on survey answers by 3,406 women over age 40 in the United States, and was presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology in New Orleans.

Women who said they had used oral contraceptives for more than three years were 2.05 times as likely to report a diagnosis of glaucoma as women who had not taken the pill.

It did not matter which kind of oral contraceptives the women used, researchers said.

Glaucoma is a disease that affects the optic nerve. If untreated, it can cause people to lose their peripheral vision over time and eventually their straight-ahead vision, too.

"This study should be an impetus for future research to prove the cause and effect of oral contraceptives and glaucoma," said Shan Lin, lead researcher and professor of clinical ophthalmology at the University of California San Francisco.

"At this point, women who have taken oral contraceptives for three or more years should be screened for glaucoma and followed closely by an ophthalmologist, especially if they have any other existing risk factors."

While this study stopped short of establishing a causal link between the pill and glaucoma, previous research has shown that estrogen may have a significant role in the development of glaucoma.

Known risk factors for the eye disease include African American ethnicity, family history of glaucoma, history of increased eye pressure and existing vision problems.

There is no cure for glaucoma but with early intervention it can often be controlled through medication and/or surgery.

## Indonesian woman dies of bird flu: ministry

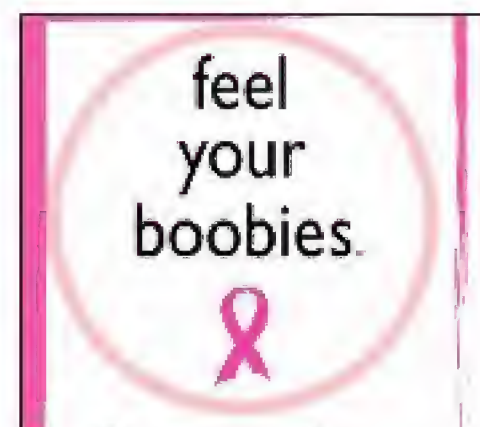
JAKARTA (AFP) - An Indonesian woman living near the capital Jakarta has died of bird flu, the health ministry said, the latest death from H5N1 in the country hardest hit by the virus.

The 31-year-old housewife from Bekasi in West Java province is the 163rd fatality from the virus in Southeast Asia's biggest nation, the ministry said in a statement seen Monday.

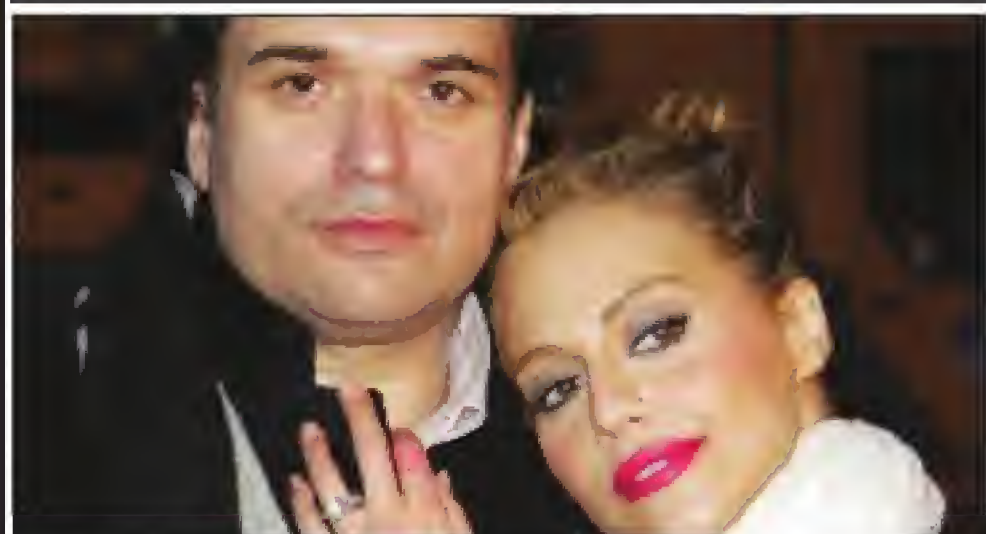
She came down with a fever last week and the bird flu virus was diagnosed but she died before medics could get her to a hospital for specialised treatment, it said.

Officials suspect she contracted the virus either from a pet bird in her house or from coming into contact with poultry in her neighbourhood, it added in a statement.

Indonesia has recorded 195 cases of bird flu, according to ministry figures.



## Brittany Murphy May Have Been Poisoned, Lab Report Says



The deaths of Brittany Murphy and her husband Simon Monjack just five months later were officially ruled pneumonia and anemia by the Los Angeles County Coroner's office, but new tests ordered by the actress's father reveal shocking news: *Poison*. "The levels of heavy metals detected in Brittany Murphy's hair were from 2 to over 9 times higher than the levels set as 'high' by The World Health Organization," said Murphy's father Angelo Bertolotti, who never agreed with the finding that natural causes were to blame — and he claims he had to sue the coroner's office to obtain the necessary hair, tissue and blood samples because they were never tested for poisonous substances, only drugs.



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## Angelina Jolie kicks off award season with honorary Oscar

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A-list star Angelina Jolie kicked off the movie award season late Saturday as she accepted an honorary Oscar for her humanitarian work at the Governors Awards ceremony in Hollywood.

Veteran actress Angela Lansbury, comedian Steve Martin, and Italian costume designer Pietro Tosi also received awards at the annual ceremony held by the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences.

The 600-person guest list at the private gala dinner read like a Who's Who of top Hollywood celebrities: Tom Hanks, Harrison Ford, Amy Adams, Emma Thompson, Mark Wahlberg, Jake Gyllenhaal, Diane Keaton, Matthew McConaughey, Claudia Cardinale, Kathryn Bigelow, Jennifer Garner and George Lucas were among those invited.

Jolie was tearful as she received the award and spoke of her mother, Marcheline Bertrand, who died of cancer in 2007 at the age of 56.

"She did give me love and confidence, and above all, she was very clear that nothing would mean anything if I didn't have a life of use to others," she said.

"It was only when I began to travel that I understood my responsibility to others," Jolie, who has been involved in humanitarian work for years, told

the audience.

The actress, wearing a long black dress with a plunging neckline, was accompanied by her fiancé Brad Pitt -- shaved and sporting a neat haircut for the occasion -- and Maddox, one of the couple's six children.

"When I met survivors of wars and famine, and rape, I learned what life is like for most people in this world and how fortunate I was to have food to eat, a roof above my head, a safe place to live and the joy of having my family safe and healthy," Jolie said.

"I realized how sheltered I had been and I was determined never to be that way again."

Since 2012 Jolie has travelled on more than 40 missions around the world as a special envoy for the United Nations Refugee Agency.

The 38-year-old actress, who is also a director and producer, received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award -- a statuette identical to a "classic" Oscar -- from Lucas, the man behind the "Star Wars" films.

Jolie won an acting Oscar in 2000 for her supporting role in the movie "Girl, Interrupted."

"How does she have time to do all this?" asked stage, TV and movie star Geena Rowlands, 83, as she praised Jolie.



"She acts in many pictures, she writes and directs, she has a large family. About 20 at last count. And she has to keep that smile on Brad's face," Rowlands said.

Previous winners of the Hersholt award include talk show queen Oprah Winfrey in 2011, and producer Jeffrey Katzenberg in 2012.

Comedian Martin, 68, focused on the light side after Hanks praised him for winning a lifetime achievement award. "I used to win an Oscar for acting despite nominations in 1945, 1946 and 1963."

"I can't possibly express how excited I am tonight because the botox is fresh," he quipped as he received his statuette.

## Rare downpours and floods hit Saudi capital



RIYADH (AFP) - Rare heavy downpours triggered flash floods in the Saudi capital on Sunday forcing schools and universities to close and prompting calls by the authorities for citizens to remain indoors.

At least three people were reported missing, the state news agency SPA said quoting civil defence spokesman Colonel Abdullah al-Harithi.

He added that authorities assisted dozens of people trapped

by the floods, a rare phenomenon to hit the capital of the desert kingdom.

Heavy rains, accompanied by thunderstorms, have lashed Riyadh since late Saturday triggering flash floods in several districts and cutting off power in the city's north, according to residents.

Harithi urged Riyadh citizens, estimated at more than five million people, to stay away from rivers, valleys and flooded tunnels while the edu-

cation ministry ordered schools and university closed Sunday.

Saudi Arabia, like other desert countries, rarely sees heavy rainfall and religious leaders often organise prayers for rain.

But in May last year around 20 people were killed in flooding that swept parts of Saudi Arabia, which had not experienced such a high volume of rainfall for 25 years.

And in 2011, around 10 people were killed in floods in the western city of Jeddah, where 123 people also perished in floods in 2009.

The inability of Jeddah's infrastructure to drain off flood waters and uncontrolled construction in and around the city were blamed at the time for the high number of victims.

The national weather service has warned of new storms expected Sunday in Riyadh and other parts of the kingdom.



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## Google, Microsoft step up efforts to block online child porn



LONDON (AFP) - Google said Monday it had developed new technology to block child porn from more than 100,000 unique searches, ahead of talks with British Prime Minister David Cameron who has been pushing for action on indecent images online.

Cameron hailed Google's move as "significant progress", even if campaigners noted it affects only a fraction of the 1.2 trillion Google searches conducted each year.

Executive chairman Eric Schmidt said more than 200 Google staff have been working on new ways to tackle the problem of child sex abuse images in the past three months.

"While society will never wholly eliminate such depravity, we should do everything in our power to protect children from harm," Schmidt wrote in the Daily Mail newspaper.

He added: "We've fine-tuned Google Search to prevent links to child sexual abuse material from appearing in our results."

The restrictions will initially apply to English-speaking countries but will be expanded to the rest of the world and 158 other languages within six months.

Microsoft, which owns the Bing search engine, has also stepped up action against online child abuse in recent

months and it welcomed Monday's Internet safety summit at Cameron's Downing Street office.

"Increased collaboration (with government and industry bodies)... is the best way to combat this vile content," a spokesman for the technology giant said.

Microsoft has developed and shared its picture detection technology which helps prevent banned images being duplicated across the web, while Google is also testing new ways to identify videos of child sex abuse.

Warnings have been added to more than 13,000 search results making clear child sex abuse is illegal, Schmidt said, while both Google and Microsoft have stopped auto-complete features from offering child abuse search terms.

The Internet summit comes just days after police in Canada revealed they had arrested 341 people around the world, including teachers and doctors, following an investigation into a child porn site.

Authorities seized a vast amount of data, including hundreds of thousands of images and videos detailing "horrific" sexual acts against children as young as five.

But the British government has been pushing for action

since the summer, after two high-profile child sex murders in which the killers were found to have searched for child porn online.

In July, Cameron threatened to introduce legislation to block access to illegal images if search engines failed in their "moral duty" to do it voluntarily.

"Since then, we have worked closely with both Google and Microsoft and they have made significant progress in preventing child abuse content from being returned," the prime minister said ahead of Monday's summit.

But he said the threat of legislation remained.

Some experts warned that the reforms will not stop paedophiles sharing images on the Internet.

"They don't go on to Google to search for images. They go on to the dark corners of the Internet on peer-to-peer websites," said Jim Gamble, former head of the police-linked Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre.

## Google to pay \$17 mn in privacy settlement



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Google has agreed to pay \$17 million to settle an investigation by US states into its use of unauthorized tracking software on Apple Safari Web browsers, officials said Monday.

New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced the multistate agreement on Google's "unauthorized placement of cookies on computers using Apple Safari Web browsers during 2011 and 2012."

Google last year paid a \$22.5 million fine to the US Federal Trade Commission on the same issue. The FTC said Google had agreed with the commission in October 2011 not to place tracking cookies or deliver targeted ads to Safari users, but then went ahead and did so.

The latest settlement in-

cludes 37 states and the federal District of Columbia. New York will receive \$899,580, Schneiderman said.

The statement said Google altered its coding to circumvent privacy settings on Safari, without consumers' knowledge or consent.

Google also agreed not to deploy the type of code to override a browser's cookie blocking settings in the future without consent unless it is needed to detect or prevent fraud or security issues.

A Google spokesperson confirmed the agreement and said in a statement: "We work hard to get privacy right at Google and have taken steps to remove the ad cookies, which collected no personal information, from Apple's browsers. We're pleased to have worked with the state attorneys general to reach this agreement."

YOKOHAMA (AFP) - : Japan-auto-environment-energy-electronics,ADVANCER by Patrice Novotny. This picture taken on October 25, 2013 shows Japanese auto giant Nissan Motor's concept electric vehicle Nissan BladeGlider, equipped with in-wheel electric motors in the rear wheels of the three-seater delta wing shaped body, displayed at the company's headquarters in Yokohama, suburban Tokyo. Nissan said on November 18 it would unveil a sporty concept electric vehicle at the Tokyo Motor Show as Japan's number-two automaker presses on with its bid to tap the burgeoning green-car market. The Tokyo Motor Show kicks off on November 20 with Japanese automakers showcasing their latest technology and green cars aimed at the growing low-emissions market, as foreign rivals eye the world's third largest car market.





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## Dow, S&P 500 top milestones as Boeing surges

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The Dow and S&P 500 blasted to new records in early trade Monday fueled by a wave of new Boeing plane orders and continued positive investor sentiment for stocks.

After 90 minutes of trade, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 51.92 points (0.33 percent) at 16,013.62, after crossing the 16,000 milestone for the first time.

The broad-based S&P 500 made its first foray above 1,800, adding 1.96 (0.11 percent) at 1,800.14.

The tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index rose 2.66 (0.07 percent) to 3,988.62.

The biggest gainer in the Dow was Boeing (+2.4 percent), which won more than \$100 billion in new orders at the Dubai Airshow on Sunday.

The pair of index landmarks followed last week's series of records. On Friday, the Dow and the S&P 500 closed at record highs after Federal Reserve Vice Chair Janet Yellen, nominated to become Fed chair, delivered a strong defense of the central bank's easing policies at a Senate panel confirmation hearing the prior day.

Many analysts expect the markets will have a correction. "We don't know if the market is at, or very near, a top," said Briefing.com analyst Patrick O'Hare. O'Hare said. "When it seems so easy to make money in the stock market, though, is often the time the market delivers a reminder that it's not a risk-free environment."

Dow component General Electric advanced 0.9 percent after announcing \$26 billion in new jet engine orders at the Dubai Airshow.

JPMorgan Chase, another Dow component, rose 1.9 percent after announcing a \$4.5 billion settlement Friday to compensate 21 institutional investors for losses on mortgage securities it and Bear Stearns sold before the financial crisis.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury fell to 2.67 percent from 2.71 percent Friday, while the 30-year dropped to 3.77 percent from 3.80 percent. Bond prices and yields move inversely.

## US accountants Ernst&Young to audit Vatican finances

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - US accountancy giant Ernst&Young will carry out an audit of the internal finances of the Vatican City -- the smallest sovereign state in the world, the Vatican said in a statement on Monday.

The audit was agreed as part of a overhaul of the financial and administrative structure of the Vatican initiated by Pope Francis following his election in March.

A US consulting firm, Promontory Financial Group, has already been called upon to audit the 19,000 accounts at

## Oil prices fall, WTI sinks to 5-month low

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Global oil prices fell Monday, with the New York benchmark contract hitting the lowest level in more than five months amid ballooning US crude-oil supplies.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate for delivery in December, closed at \$93.03 a barrel, a decline of 81 cents from Friday. That was the lowest WTI close since May 31.

In London trade, Brent North Sea crude for January dipped three cents to \$108.47 a barrel.

Oil prices were "sliding on signs that markets are well supplied on high levels of production in the US and Saudi Arabia," said Addison Armstrong of Tradition Energy.

Armstrong cited a new report from the Joint Organisations Data Initiative (JODI)

released Sunday that showed oil exports from Saudi Arabia in September rose to the highest level since November 2005.

WTI has been under pressure from eight consecutive weeks of increases in US crude oil in storage "as the supply side is very healthy," said Robert Yawger of Mizuho Securities USA.

"It is hard to argue the market should be trading higher when you have so much crude coming into the pipe," Yawger added.

Traders also awaited Wednesday's meeting of world powers and Iran in high-stakes talks on Iran's disputed nuclear program, after efforts to clinch a deal last week failed.

The United States, China, Russia, Britain, France and Germany, known collectively as the P5+1 group, accuse Iran

of using its nuclear program to build weapons. Iran denies the claim, insisting its program is for peaceful purposes, but its economy is suffering from sanctions imposed to force Tehran to the negotiating table.

Top diplomats said that they were coming close to an interim agreement under which Iran, a huge producer of oil, would curb or freeze parts of its nuclear program for some relief from crippling sanctions.

"With prospects of an agreement with Iran over its nuclear program continuing to rise, oil prices on the Brent measure continue to remain under pressure," Michael Hewson, an analyst at CMC Markets, said.

"US oil prices are also struggling to rally in any meaningful way, as US stockpiles continue to remain high and economic data continues to remain average at best."

## Sony sells more than a million PS4 consoles in debut



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - More than a million PlayStation 4 consoles were sold in the first 24 hours of its release in North America, according to manufacturer Sony.

The Japanese electronics giant announced the figures in a statement Sunday as it seeks to gain ground on Microsoft, which is releasing its Xbox One console this week.

"PS4 was designed with an unwavering commitment to gamers, and we are thrilled that consumer reaction has been so phenomenal," said Andrew House, president and group chief of Sony Computer Entertainment.

"Sales remain very strong in North America, and we expect continued enthusiasm as we launch the PlayStation 4 in Europe and Latin America on November 29. We are extremely grateful for the passion of PlayStation fans and thank them for their continued support."

The PS4 is one of the three major consoles moving into the next generation. Nintendo launched its Wii U in late 2012, and Microsoft's new Xbox is set for release November 22 in 13 countries.

A forecast by the research firm Gartner shows game console sales of hardware and software are likely to grow to \$44 billion worldwide in 2013 from \$37 billion last year, helped in part by the new consoles.



OXFORD - Journalists admire the new Mini Cooper during its official unveiling at BMW's plant at Cowley in Oxford, central England, on Monday. Danish automotive designer working for BMW Anders Warming gave a brief description on the 2014 model. Car giant BMW, which has been manufacturing the Mini since 2001, has finally taken the wraps off the new Mini that will be available in the UK in Spring 2014.

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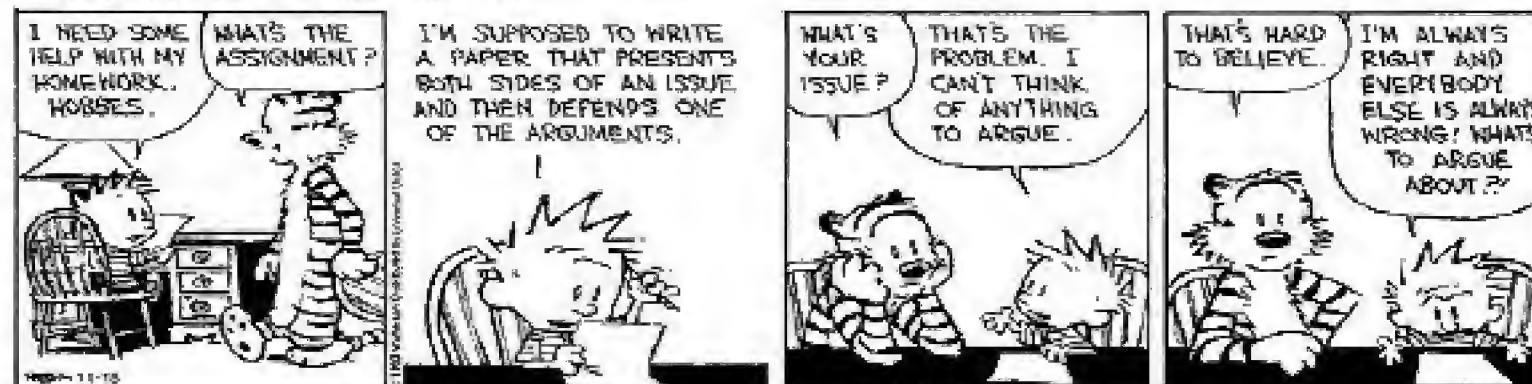
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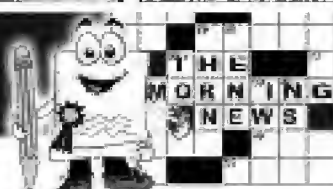
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- 6 "Thin Man" dog
- 10 Cupid's missile
- 11 Praise
- 12 Monte —
- 13 Company's identifying symbol
- 14 Dads
- 15 Latin "therefore"

- 17 "E pluribus —"
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- 26 "Laughing" animals
- 28 Boisterous play
- 29 Motor sound
- 31 Author

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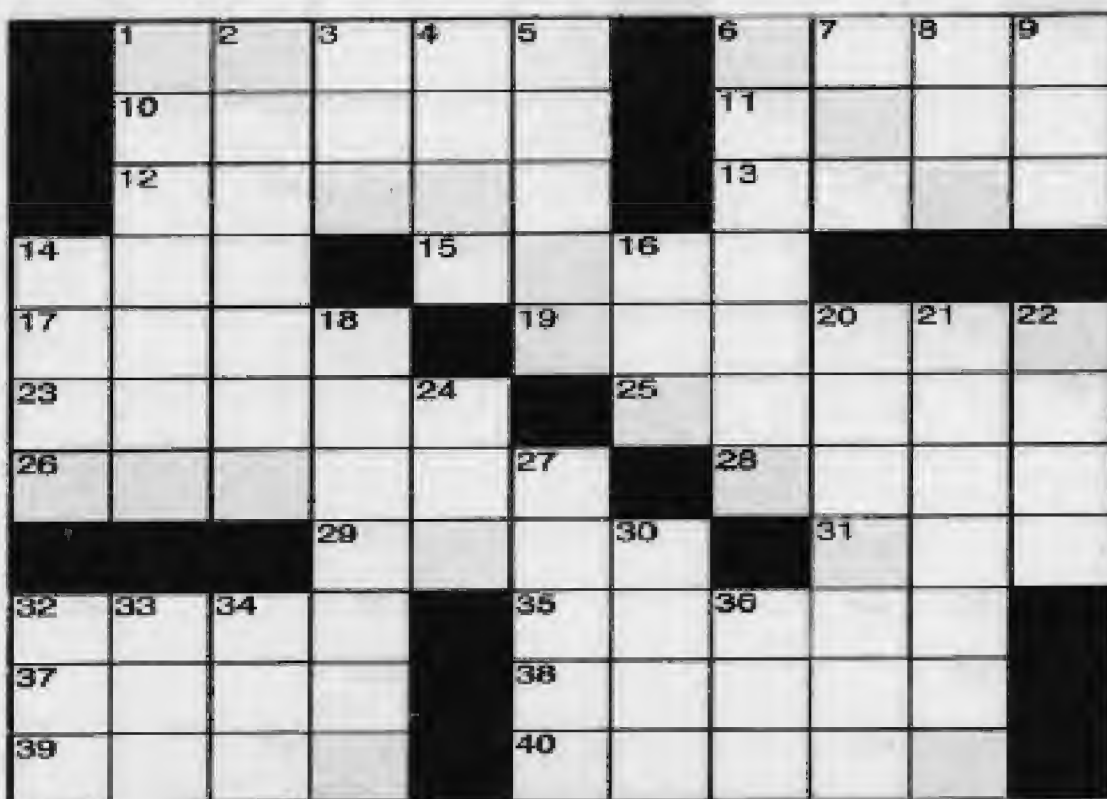
- 32 Uninteresting
- 35 Person on the other team
- 37 Mickey and Minnie
- 38 Crunchy corn chip
- 39 Adds water
- 40 Icy downpour

### DOWN

- 1 Motel sign
- 2 Deletion

### 3 Blunder

- 4 Actor's hope
- 5 Rapier
- 6 Finished (2 wds.)
- 7 — Miguel
- 8 Harbor vessel
- 9 Much confusion
- 14 Prod along
- 16 Birthstone
- 18 Chews audibly
- 20 Segregate
- 21 Lerner-Loewe musical
- 22 Sports cable network
- 24 "—, humbug!"
- 27 Hangs ten
- 30 — Scout cookies
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- 33 Perjure oneself
- 34 Perform on stage
- 36 Fight



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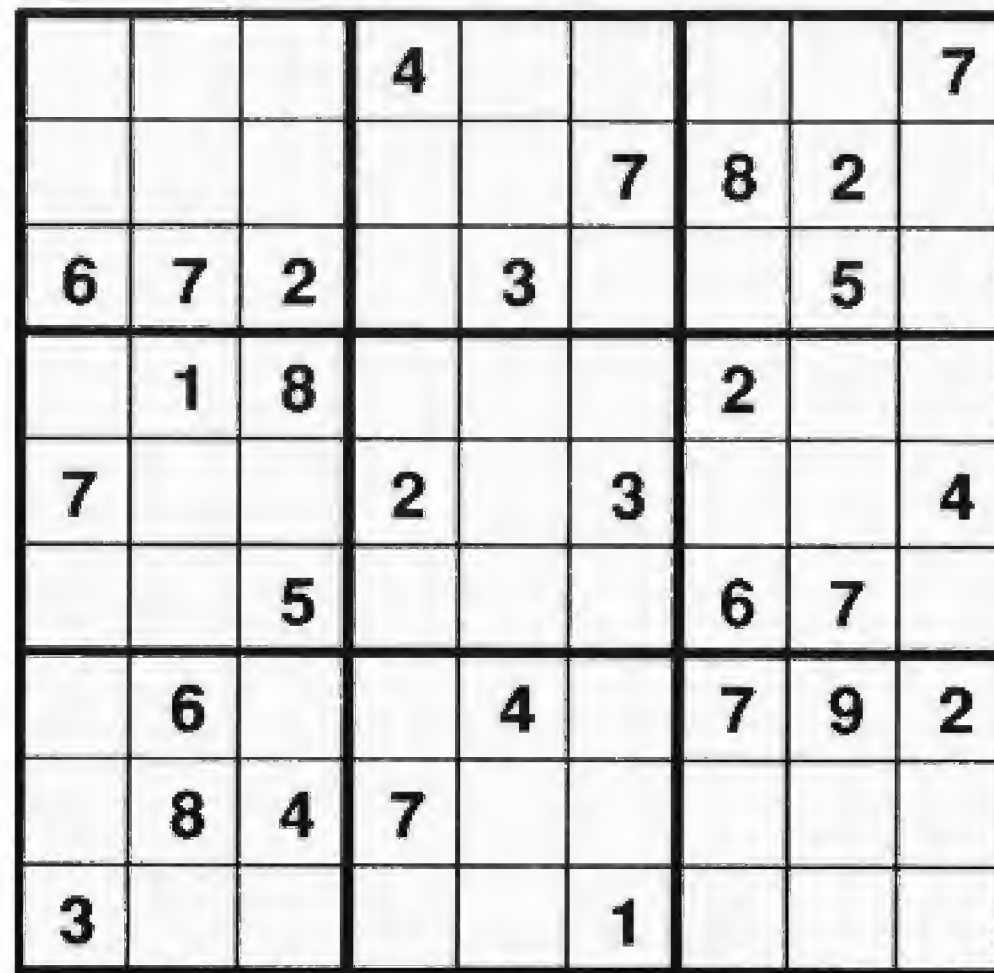
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## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



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--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on para-

dise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie, so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-

most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

**5 Burgers is now open from 8am to 10pm-ish Sunday - Thursday. For those late night diners, 5 Burgers is open until 3AM-ish on Friday & Saturdays! Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches!** Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.



## Football: Orlando expected to land 21st MLS club Tuesday

ORLANDO (AFP) - With lawmakers having approved construction of a \$84 million downtown stadium last month, Orlando was expected to be awarded the 21st club in Major League Soccer on Tuesday.

The Orlando Sentinel newspaper has reported that MLS officials were expected to make the announcement on Tuesday and Orlando City Soccer Club has scheduled a Tuesday evening announce-

ment about the group's pursuit of an MLS club.

The MLS club is expected to adopt the Orlando City Lions name and purple coloring of the current club, which was founded in 2010 and plays in the United Soccer League, the third-level of football in the United States.

Orlando Health, the team's official healthcare partner, committed Monday to retain its sponsorship of the team's jersey even before an expansion spot in the MLS lineup was confirmed.

English investor Phil Rawlins, Orlando City's president, told Sports Illustrated that he was hoping the team would start in the 2015 season, just as the New York City FC expansion team co-owned by England's Manchester City and Major League Baseball's New York Yankees is set to do.

That could mean the Lions would start their MLS era in the Citrus Bowl gridiron venue before their new facility is completed. Several other MLS clubs have had temporary homes ahead of new stadiums that have helped secure the club's financial future.

MLS commissioner Don Garber said four months ago that he hoped the North American league would grow to 24 teams by 2020.

## Football: Italy, Nigeria share spoils in frantic friendly



LONDON (AFP) - Italy and Nigeria signed off for the year 2013 with a breathlessly entertaining 2-2 draw in a friendly international at Fulham's Craven Cottage stadium in London on Monday. The match came just two days after Nigeria secured qualification for the World Cup. Italy finished the game on top, but the closest they came to a winner in a frantic finale was an 85th-minute free-kick from Alessandro Diamanti that rattled the crossbar. (pic: Italy's striker Mario Balotelli (C) is challenged by Nigeria's midfielder Ogenyi Onazi (R) and defender Azubuike Ekwueke (L) during their international friendly football match yesterday.)

## Golf: Pebble Beach secures PGA spot through 2024

PEBBLE BEACH (AFP) - The Pebble Beach National Pro-Am will remain on the US PGA Tour through 2024 under

a 10-year sponsorship extension with AT&T announced Monday.

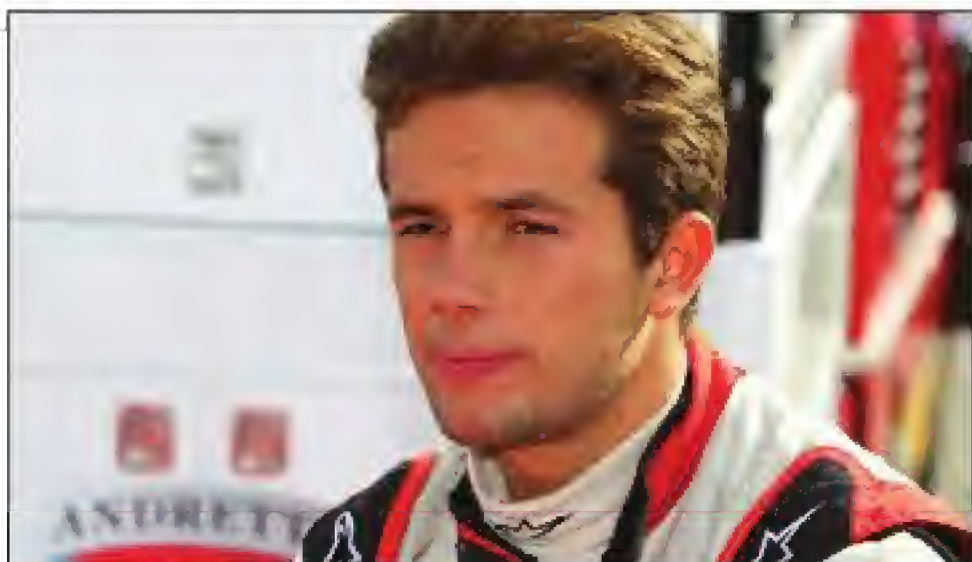
The deal, in place since 1986, is the second-oldest current corporate presenter deal on the US tour. It was set to expire after next year's edition of the event, set for February 6-9 on the Monterey Peninsula of California.

The unique \$6.6 million tournament, once known as the Bing Crosby Clambake when the late actor served as host, features multiple courses and amateur players, often including famous movie actors and sporting celebrities, playing in groups alongside touring professionals.

Bill Murray, whose roles include a famous turn in the golf movie "Caddyshack", won the Pro-Am crown in 2011.

"Beyond its popularity among players, celebrities and fans, the tournament has a history of making a meaningful difference in the community by contributing more than \$110 million to deserving programs," US PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said.

## Auto Racing: Indy 500 runner-up Munoz joins Andretti team



INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Carlos Munoz, a 21-year-old Colombian who finished second at this year's Indianapolis 500 in his IndyCar debut, was named Monday as a full-time 2014 driver for Michael Andretti's team. Munoz, who raced most of this year in the Indy Lights development series, joins Americans Marco Andretti and Ryan Hunter-Reay and Canadian James Hinchcliffe on a squad that has produced four season series champions, most recently Hunter-Reay in 2012. Munoz was the Indy 500 Rookie of the Year after starting on the front row at the famed 2 1/2-mile oval and leading the iconic race for 12 laps before settling for second behind Brazilian Tony Kanaan.

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MIAMI (AFP) - NBA superstar LeBron James confirmed Monday that he is in talks with England football icon David Beckham about investing in a possible Major League Soccer expansion club for Miami. James, who has led the Miami Heat to the past two NBA titles, told the Miami Herald that he has spoken with Beckham about the project. James owns a small share of English Premier League side Liverpool. Beckham, who recently retired as a player, has been exploring the possibility of owning an MLS club.




MIAMI (AFP) - Ted Wells, the special investigator hired by the NFL to investigate the Miami Dolphins bullying controversy, said Monday he will speak to players, coaches and other team personnel this week. Jonathan Martin left the team on October 28 after an incident at a team meal and the Dolphins suspended his fellow offensive lineman Richie Incognito on November 3 after claims he threatened and bullied Martin.



OAKLAND (AFP) - Warriors lose O'Neal to knee, groin injuries. Golden State Warriors center Jermaine O'Neal was diagnosed with a bruised right knee and minor groin strain and did not join the team for an NBA game Monday at Utah. O'Neal is listed as day-to-day by the Warriors, who play host to Memphis (5-5) on Wednesday and visit the Los Angeles Lakers (5-7) on Friday.



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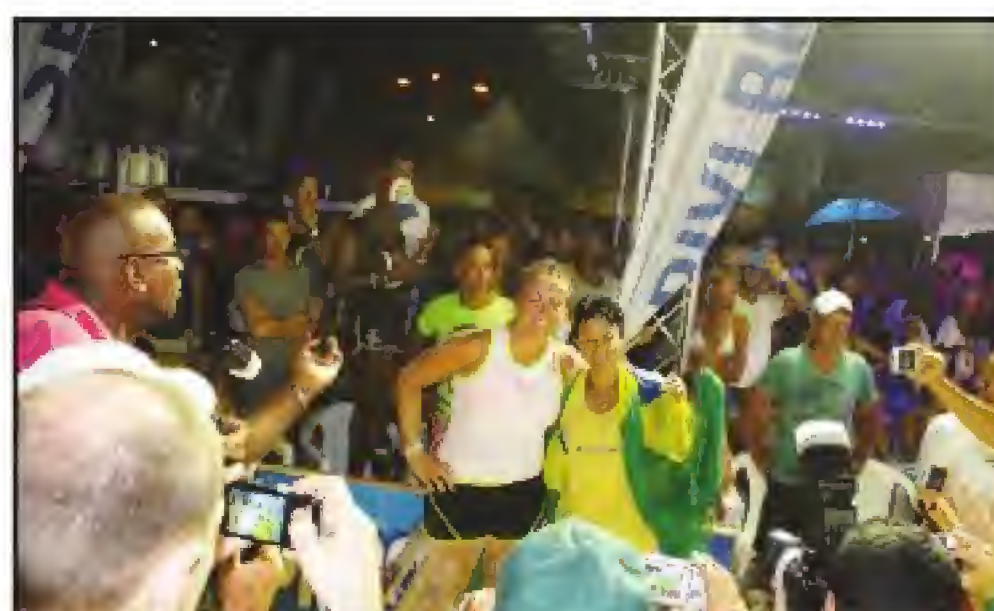
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## Aruban team Martinez/Cheung victorious too! Incredible finals of Divi Aruba Beach Tennis Tournament at Eagle Beach

ORANJESTAD - This past weekend was filled with the most amazing matches of Beach Tennis on Eagle Beach; they culminated in spectacular finals that made the hundreds of spectators oooh, aah, sing and dance. The Italian men were victorious: Alessandro Calbucci (world champion) and Marco Garavini lost to 5-time Aruba champion Mateo Marighella and his partner Nicolo Strano - an Italian get-together that no one who was present in the Amstel Bright Arena will ever forget. The Open Men's final was preceded by a riveting Women's final: It took Giulia Curzi (Italy) and Flavia Muniz (Bra)



three sets to win the title. They defeated Samanta Barjan and Joana Cortez, both from Brazil.

But meanwhile, on court 16 something amazing was happening: local guys Dennis Martinez and Julian Cheung beat Delgao/Osante (7-4) amidst wild cheers and flag waving from their crazy fans in the Advanced Men category, one of the largest and very strong categories of the Divi Aruba Beach Tennis tournament. The Advanced Women final went to Ribas/Costa over local women Tromp/Dolfing, who lost in the tie-break (7-6).

Going back to Saturday evening, mention should be made of the great match between Aruban Cado de Lanoy and Sergio Jie Sam Foek

against Cappoletti/Carti from Italy. The local boys took an amazing 3-0 lead in the first set, delighting the very chauvinistic crowd, before their opponents found their stride. The team of Aruba played a wonderful match and lost gracefully (3-6/4-6) to their world-ranked opponents.

*Other results were:* Fun Women Arian/Campodonico - van den Brink/Schiphorst (7-0); Fun Men Hilario/Lampe - De Vries/Bos (7-5). Intermediate Men: quintero/Arduino - Armani/Nucini. Intermediate Women: simon/Leonard - bezzzy/de Rose (7-5).

The successful Divi Aruba Beach Tennis tournament saw a grand afterparty with DJ Nutzbeatz whipping up the crowd into a frenzy.

The Amstel Bright Arena was the perfect location for a sandy, wild, uninhibited dance

party that went on deep into the night.

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## Cycling: UCI could call ex boss to doping inquiry after latest claims

LONDON (AFP) - Former International Cycling Union (UCI) president Hein Verbruggen could be called before the independent commission investigating historical doping allegations, the global governing body's current chief said Monday.

Disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong, who was banned for life last year for doping offences, accused Verbruggen of being involved in a cover up over a positive test for a steroid in 1999, the year he won his first of seven Tours de France - now all stripped from the American.

Verbruggen had repeatedly denied any wrongdoing and current UCI president, Britain's Brian Cookson, who replaced Verbruggen's successor Pat McQuaid in September, is keen to finally get to the bottom of the matter.

"The UCI's Independent Commission of Inquiry is in the process of being set up and we are in advanced discussions with stakeholders on its terms of reference to allow full investigation of any allegations relating to doping and wrongdoing at the UCI," a statement issued by the global governing body said.



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## National BMX and Dutch Caribbean Championships planned for upcoming days

ORANJESTAD - November 22, 23, and 24 the bike cross field at Parke Jaburibari will be host to the "2nd Youth

2013 Dutch Caribbean Championships. They expect the participation of bikers from Curacao, and Bonaire. The



competition will run in accordance with the rules of the Federation of Cyclers of Aruba (AWB) and rules of the UCI.

he Jaburibari Park has recently been renovated and a professional bike track has been prepared to international standards.

On the first day, Friday bikers can register and make their payments at the bike rack at Parke Jaburibari.

On Saturday the training begins from 9 to 11 in the morning. The warm up will be from 1 to 2 in the afternoon. They can also warm up during the classification phase. Which is from 2:20 to 6:30 in the afternoon.

On Sunday there will be the 2nd Youth Dutch Caribbean BMX 2013 Championship. Warm up will be from 8:30 to 9:00, or during the classification from 9:00 to 2:00 in the afternoon.

The closure of the games and presentation of prizes will be at 2:15 to 3:00 in the afternoon.

The Subsidy Commission of the Lotto Pa Deporte Foundation is pleased to support events of this nature. They are committed to promoting our local athletes in whatever sport they chose to exercise. This event is yet another example of Lotto pa Deporte's commitment to local sports and to the young athletes of Aruba.

